## MAHARASHTRA

Administration: The Maharashtra State Archives is manned by Director of Archives who is assisted by Assistant Director and Superintendents. It has sub-offices at Pune, Kolhapur, Nagpur, and Aurangabad.

Budget: During 1975-76 a sum of Rs.6,73,000 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.7,60,000 on the non-plan side and there was no budget provisionon the plan side. For 1976-77 a provision of Rs.8,69,000 was made in the budget. There was no provision in the budget on the plan side.

Building: Bombay Archives, Bombay, KolhapurArchives, Kolhapur and Marathwada Archives, Aurangabad have Government owned buildings, but Vidarbha Archives, Nagpur has a rented building. The proposal of constructing a new building of eight storeys at Bandra (East) had to be dropped because of the restrictions on the construction of all buildings imposed by Government of Maharashtra. The State Government have been requested to allot a plot with an area of 8,094 Sq. meteres in Bandra-Kurla complex and the proposal is being examined by Industrial Development Corporation.

Record Management: Records of General Administration Department, Irrigation and Power Department, Law and Judicial Department, Irrigation Department, Urban Development, Public Health Department and Revenue and Forest Department were appraised during the period under report. 2 per cent papers were marked for retention and 98 per cent for weeding. Retention Schedule is being followed while reviewing the papers.

Research and Reference: During the period under review 54 research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities.

1,884 records were requisitioned by the Government agencies and 1,430 by research scholars and 491 queries on records were attended to from private agencies.

Research Media: Public Department catalogue was being revised and 17 Diaries out of 439 were completed. Catalogue of "Chandwad" records (Records of Holkar family) was in hand and 68 out of 269 rumals were catalogued.

Publication Programme: 'Making of a Princely Historian' was brought out during the year under reference. The two publications viz., (1) Descriptive Catalogue of papers selected for further research and (ii) Parasnisi Daftar are in the press.

Preservation of Records: 2,304 sheets of records were flattened, 931 sheets repaired with tissue paper, 1,373 sheets repaired with chiffon, 370 sheets guarded, and 711 volumes, 62 gazettes, 16 newspapers and 199 publications bound.

Photo-Duplication: The State Archives has no "Microfilming Unit" of its own.

Library: 560 books were acquired during the period. At present the Archives has no programme for the expansion of the library.

Other important activity: Three days Refresher Course in Record Keeping for Record Keepers, in Government offices at the District and Taluka level, in Maharashtra State washeld in Council Hall at Pune from 23rd October to 25th October 1975 under the auspices of the Archives.